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My dear Meiza

I was so glad to receive your nice kind letter of the 17th Dec. & to all thank you most sincerely for your good wishes. Please accept our own in return for yourself and all who are dear to you. I hope that 1916 may be the end of that War which overshadows everything & makes it so impossible for anyone to be happy & free from care. It is impossible to prophesy anything. I think we are holding our own so far. Circumstances have compelled us to divide our forces, & we have had many disappointments. For instance we (that is Great Britain) ought never to have been called on to go to the rescue of Serbia and Montenegro - but was eventually the business of Russia & Italy, but they failed

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war had to go, either against the Evacuation of Gallipoli & the concentration at Salonica - the position in Mesopotamia is not a very pleasant one, but the great Russian victory near Erzeroum ought to make a great difference there. It ought, too, to have no great difficulty in capturing German East Africa as the Germans cannot send any troops there. Egypt too is so strongly garrisoned that she ought to be safe. As for the Western Front, no one knows what the Germans can break through there - and we may do so. Our Navy has, so far, maintained an absolute supremacy at Sea & this is I think the all important factor which will eventually wear out Germany, financially, & decide the War. Russia, in the East, has still to be reckoned with by Germany & Austria & I really think that 1916 will see a turn of the tide in Europe. That at least is my belief - so there's something for you. I hope my letter to Mr Chaady has had some effect though I doubt it. Technically perhaps it would have been wiser in order

the frame a change recall for an explanation
before proceeding, since the result would
have been the same, as the facts were
all on record & quite indisputable. However
it was Dewar's business to settle their
points of procedure, and not mine. Chandy
would seem have viewed himself wrongly, & was
deliberately misled into what proved, in the event,
his suspension, pending enquiry, which would
have been far worst for him. I wish he
would go back to Cochin or wherever he
comes from - I am afraid he will never
be of much use in Bryson, as he wants
an entirely new head, and they he cannot
get! That was a fine day expedient
robbery of the office cash box, but I do think
it might to have been possible for
the Palace Watchman to allow the box
to be removed even by the manager's orders,
& there seems to me to be some fault
in the office arrangements. When there is
so much money about it ought always
to be in a safe, and the key shd be
not left with a really responsible person.
Stubbles you don't considered this fault.
It was a great piece of luck finding the

Then so soon a reconciliation made as Lord Peterborough? I can quite
believe what a terrible predicament
poor Venkatasubbiah was in, with every
one demanding his blood. Poor little
man - I, personally, would never have
believed him to be desperate, whatever
his other short-comings might be - Fools
are seldom desperate! and he was a fool
to bear his cash-box, full of money, in
a place where a mere walkeman could
hand it over, on demand, to an orderly.
I cannot help smiling at your description
of how the Police "slowly" extracted the
truth from the thief. The methods which
they employed are left to the imagination,
though the man descried all that he may
have suffered! So Mr. Banerji is not to
be let from his headquarters! I was
quite sure that they would not change their
minds - I think it is a great pity as what the
Mysore administration needs very badly is
a really strong "opposition" in the Political
Sense in the Council - at present she is
under a Dictator which is very bad - Always
for any country or State - a Dictator is
all the more dangerous when he believes

just come back from a visit to Col. R. G. Jones at Rumby Park. It was very nice seeing him again the it being in a very nice house in the midst of the horses which he loves. He took my advice about the purchase of a Stallion for Kenegoul, and I advised him to keep it, as the horse was a real first class one, going dirt cheap, and as he showed me a telle from the Gurkaraja authorising him to go up to Rs 10,000 for the purchase of a Stallion - On my advice he cabled to His Highness announcing the purchase + asking for a remittance to be cabled - The price of the horse is Rs 7500 which leaves an ample margin for its passage + insurance - There is really no more news to give you - I wish to thank Col Jones' for I need not send any messages again - I hope you are keeping fit and are not worrying too much in my absence. Mrs Mapp + Miss Campbell join me in kindest regards to you all. The latter is really better, but not well yet - and now good bye

Yours very sincerely
Dick Campbell

Is it true that poor Krumbiegel was assaulted by the Germans at Ahmednagar. Miss Deakin told us this piece of news! Very

himself to be a democrat. I speak
entirely without prejudice as I have a great
regard for Sir [redacted] V this character in many
ways - No matter who the Viceroy in Council is, he
ought not to be an autocrat, and it is
unfortunate that it is utterly impossible to
find the materials for a really strong
Council to make its voice heard.
I hope the Madarames' visit to Georgia
went off successfully - I am sorry to have
missed the visit to Bombay, which is
always interesting. I hope that the
Viceroy's progress in the Mediterranean
is coming at an End, but you can never be sure
yet been able to obtain leave from the
Front, he writes now that all leave
has been stopped. He can imagine how
disappointing this is, as he were actually
expecting him to come last Friday or Saturday.
Everything is so uncertain that I do not
very well see how I can conveniently leave
England before the end of April, unless I
am very specially wanted back - This I can
of tell from what you tell me in your
future letters - I wish you a long letter
read a month ago, but I am almost ashamed
that it was lost in the "Persia". I have